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Purple Innocence

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I'LL BE WATCHING...

REMEMBER TO SUPPORT THE MANGAKA!!

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CHARACTERS & STORY

After years of suffering from emotional instability, Tatsuki was finally pushed over the edge by the death of his grandfather. Since Kazuma was responsible for the motorcycle accident that killed Gunnan Oshiro, Tatsuki planned the murder of Kazuma in the hopes of ending his own pain. Upon, back from overseas, intervened by revealing Tatsuki's psychic and emotional secrets to Katarou and Kanna, after sorting through his shock, ran to stop Tatsuki and Kazuma's confrontation. Katarou managed to quell Tatsuki's offensive psychic power but returned no memory of giving sp—which confused and frustrated Yuuto thoroughly. Katarou and Tatsuki had no contact to a new, awkwardly open relationship, but Yuuto and Mio's plans to jump-start the Oshiro's communication skills were dashed when a mysterious car crash broke Kanna's arm and alarmed Tatsuki. If Akira was at the accident site, was it an accident at all? A sudden, overwhelming headache made Akira send Tatsuki to the hospital, and a mysterious figure injected him with something...when Katarou next checked, Tatsuki had disappeared

Kanan
A wannabe photographer with a fascination for Tatsuki and Katarou

Mio Yoshino
Katarou's hotline girlfriend, a second-year at Tachibana High

Akira
A weird kid who lives in Katarou's neighborhood

Ran Chiba
Mio's loyal underclassman. She's not a fan of Katarou and Mio dating

Yukisato
Akira's father and an elementary school teacher. There's something strange about him...

Kouichi Udou
The boys' ex-student teacher, and a very developed psychic

Tatsuki Oshiro
Katarou's cousin. Katarou unknowingly gave him postcognition during their childhood years; since Tatsuki hates the power, he's less than friendly toward Katarou
Katarou Oshiro
A high school freshman who despises his effeminacy. Katarou has a type of ESP that seems to bring out suppressed feelings in others. Currently dating Mio
Yuuto Urushiyama
A classmate to Katarou and Tatsuki. Friendly but a bit of a goofball. Yuuto can analyze people by reading their emotional auras (and hence is also a psychic).
Kazuma Kouta
The mysterious and mercurial transfer student with powers of his own. He despises Tatsuki for giving him ESP and ruining his life.

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OUT THE WINDOW?!
I THINK WE FOUND OUR ANSWER
LOOK
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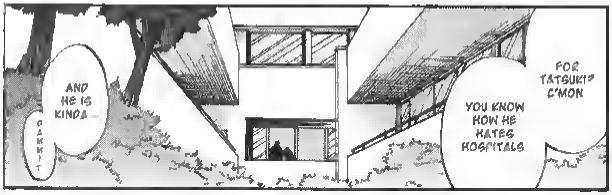
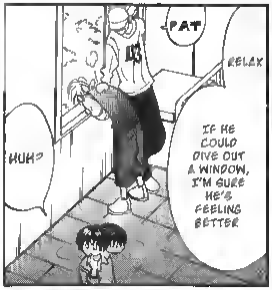

AND HE IS KINDA...
GAHH!!
YOU KNOW HOW HE HATES HOSPITALS
FOR TATSUKI? C'MON


PAT
RELAX
HUH?
IF HE COULD DIVE OUT A WINDOW, I'M SURE HE'S FEELING BETTER

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE WOULD DO THIS!
WE'RE ALL WORRIED SICK, AND HE DITCHES LIKE AN ASSFACE!

ALL RIGHT. WHERE IS HE?
HOLD ON
TATSUKI'S GONE?!
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THAT MAKES NO SENSE

IF THAT WERE THE CASE, YOU WOULD'VE SEEN HIM IN THE HALL
OH, RIGHT
KOTARO!

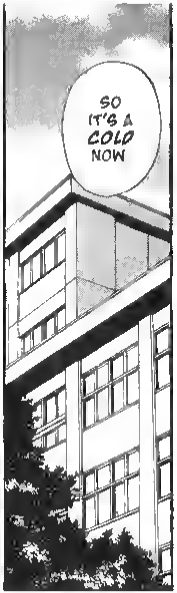
WELL, HIS SHOES AREN'T HERE
AND I REMEMBER SEEING THEM
MAYBE HE WAS FEELING BETTER AND LEFT?
!

I CAN'T... FEEL ANYTHING
THIS ISN'T THE HOSPITAL
WHERE AM I...?
...DAMMIT
I CAN'T MOVE

HEY! AKIRA!
WE NEED YOU WHERE WE CAN SEE YOU, TINY
THE KID'S GOT ANTS IN HIS UNDEROOS
OVER THERE!
WHERE'S AKIRA?
HE WAS HERE A MINUTE AGO
WHAT?!
THAT'S JUST GREAT
WEIRD LITTLE TYKE
Huh.
BYE BYE!
BYE BYE!
I LOVE THAT NICE MAN!
GOOD FOR YOU TWO

TWO?
DOES HE MEAN KOTAROU AND ME?!
WHO'S HE TALKING TO?!
HE'S NOT...
I THOUGHT WE WAIT UNTIL THE TWO GET TOGETHER
A DOCTOR, MAYBE
I DON'T RECOGNIZE HIM.
HE'S THE ONE WHO INJECTED ME?
CREE
MAYBE I CAN GEE SOMETHING.
NN...
TO HELL WITH THIS.
WHAT DOES HE WANT WITH ME?

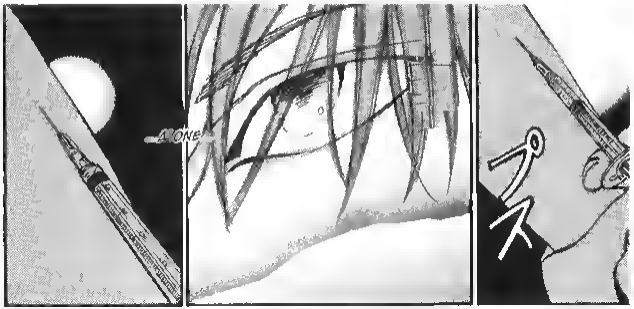
I UNDERSTAND THAT HE'S GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME RIGHT NOW
BUT THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH SCHOOLWORK HE CAN MAKE UP IN BED
I HATE TO SAY THIS KOTAROU, BUT TATSUKI'S ABSENCES ARE GETTING OUT OF HAND


SO IT'S A COLD NOW

YES, SIR
TATSUKI DIDN'T EVEN COME HOME LAST NIGHT
GOD

SLIP
O WHAT'S REALLY WRONG WITH TATSUKI?
LIKE A COLD COULD STOP THAT GUY
IT'S TOO BAD GENSEI TOOK IT OUT ON YOU, THOUGH

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D THINK THIS, BUT I HOPE HE'S JUST STALKING AROUND SOMEWHERE
IF HE PASSED OUT AGAIN


ALONE
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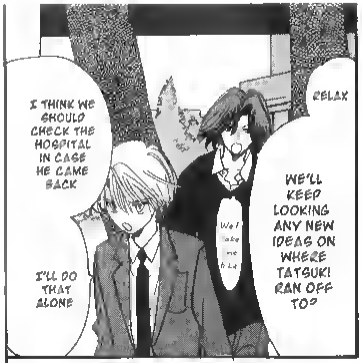
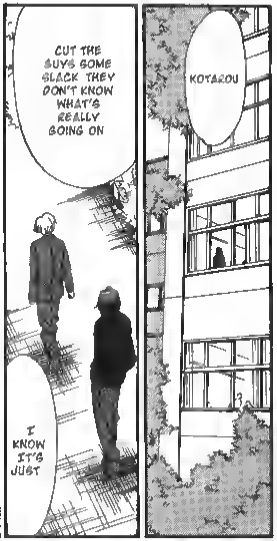
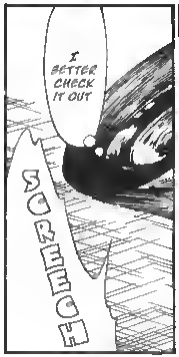
SO YOU CAN STILL GET UP, HUH?
YOUR RESISTANCE TO THE MEDS IS MAKING MY JOB HARDER
THANKS A LOT, KID

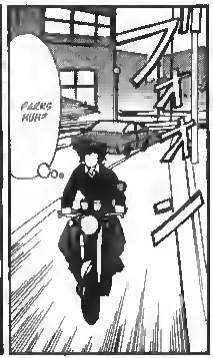

I THINK WE SHOULD CHECK THE HOSPITAL IN CASE HE CAME BACK
I'LL DO THAT ALONE
RELAX
WE'LL KEEP LOOKING ANY NEW IDEAS ON WHERE TATSUKI RAN OFF TO?


CUT THE GUYS SOME SLACK. THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON
I KNOW. IT'S JUST
KOTAROU

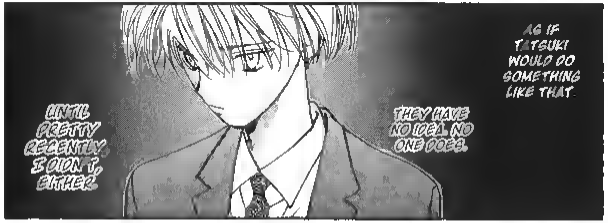
WE'LL COVER MORE GROUND IF WE SPLIT UP
IN THE MEANTIME, CAN YOU GO CHECK PUBLIC PARKS AND STUFF?


I BETTER CHECK IT OUT
SCREECH

BUT MAYBE WE'RE OVERLOOKING SOMETHING?
I'M SURE TATSUKI JUST WANTED TO PLAY FRISBEE


PARKS HUH?

WHY SHOULD HE SHOW UP? HE'S STILL SMART ENOUGH TO PASS THE EXAMS WITHOUT BEING HERE, THE BASTARD
MY MONEY'S ON A HOT EX
LEMME GUESS-- TATSUKI'S GIANT SKIPFEST IS SO HE CAN CHASE DOWN SOME TAIL


UNTIL PRETTY RECENTLY, I DION'T, EITHER.
THEY HAVE NO IDEA. NO ONE DOES.
AS IF TATSUKI WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT

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I WANNA BE LIKE TATSUKI WHEN I GROW UP ♡
SAME HERE! HA HA! ♡

DON'T ASK
UH
IT WAS A JOKE WHY'RE YOU SO PISSED?

SHUT UP-- THAT'S NOT FUNNY!
ACK!

TATSUKI COME INTO THE HOUSE
HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE IN ON IT.
HE WAS TALKING TO SOMEONE ELSE.
I THOUGHT WE'D WAIT UNTIL THEY GOT TOGETHER.
WAS HE TALKING ABOUT KOTAROU?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WANT...
BUT THEY'LL WAIT TO GET IT UNTIL WE'RE TOGETHER

GOOD LORD, CHILD WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON THE SIDEWALK?
TATSUKI!
...SUKI?
...A-AUNTIE?
WHY WOULD HE...
AND TELL KOTAROU YOU'RE BACK-- HE'S BEEN LOOKING EVERYWHERE FOR YOU.
I'M AT OUR HOUSE
DID YOU FAINT?
YOU POOR BOY. YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT THE HOSPITAL EARLY!
DID HE LET ME GO?

HE'S SCARED OF SOMETHING!
HIS AURA'S GOING DARK
A BLACKISH, CLOUDY PURPLE
TATSUKI
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
LOOK AFTER KOTAROU.
DON'T LET HIM GET NEAR ME.
UZUKI-YAMA
YEAH?
TA-TSUKI!
I DON'T GET IT!
IT'S A FAVOR
HEY, WAIT!

DUDE, WHERE THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN?!
YOU DID COME HOME!
I WAS PLUCKING GRAY HAIRS THIS MORNING THANKS TO YOU. GET ON THE BIKE-- WE HAVE TO SHOW KOTAROU YOU'RE NOT DEAD
!
HUH?
NO WAY!
TATSUKI
BUT WHY?

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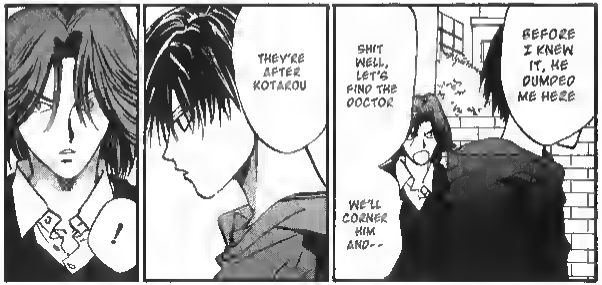
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THEY'RE AFTER KOTAROU
SHIT WELL, LET'S FIND THE DOCTOR
WE'LL CORNER HIM AND--
BEFORE I KNEW IT, HE DUMPED ME HERE

I WANT YOU TO STAY WITH HIM...
...TO KEEP HIM AWAY FROM ME
UH WHATEVER EXCUSE YOU CAN TO--
I HEARD, "I THOUGHT WE WAIT UNTIL THE TWO GET TOGETHER"
TWO?
WHAT THE HELL?

!!

IF SOMETHING'S WRONG, YOU'RE GONNA LOOK ME IN THE EYE AND COMMUNICATE LIKE A NORMAL HUMAN BEING!
LOOK AT ME WHEN I'M TALKING TO YOU, YOU SON OF A BITCH!
I'VE HAD IT WITH YOU TREATING YOUR FRIENDS LIKE THIS!

WERE YOU IN THE HOSPITAL THIS WHOLE TIME?!
WHAT, LIKE SHOTS? FROM A DOCTOR?
I DON'T KNOW
I CAN'T REMEMBER MUCH
SOMEBODY KEPT INJECTING ME WITH SOMETHING TO KEEP ME UNCONSCIOUS
ALL LAST NIGHT
NOW WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!

WELL I GUESS THE HOSPITAL WAS A LONG SHOT, CONSIDERING HE SNUCK OUT IN THE FIRST PLACE
HE'S NOT HERE
CRAP.
COME HOME SO I CAN YELL AT YOU FOR BUCKING
YOU BUCK, TATSUKI

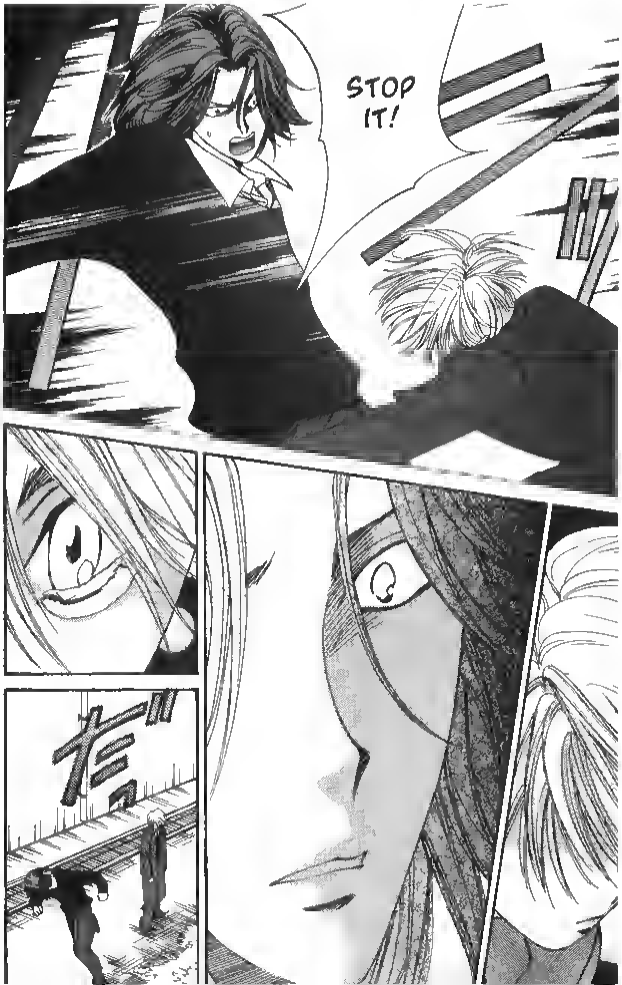
I THINK THAT WAS AKIRA
HUH?
KYA HA HA HA!
HEE HEE!
GUESS NOT
WAIT
!

PLEASE!
TATSUKI...

BEATS ME
I'M NOT GETTING ANYWHERE NEAR TATSUKI'S LOVE LIFE, THANKS!
WHAT REALLY HAPPENED?
YOU'RE HIDING SOMETHING YUUTO
WHAT HAPPENED TO TATSUKI?
HE'S LYING
BUT WHY?
IF I TOUCH HIM...
IF...
YOU'VE GOT SOME SORT OF POWER, OKAY?
YOUR POWER SEEMS TO BRING OUT PEOPLE'S SUPPRESSED FEELINGS
AFTER YOU CALM THEM DOWN.

YOU FOUND TATSUKI?!
HE WAS AT HOME?!
THEN, IS HE STILL THERE? IS HE AT HOME NOW?!
YEAH
I REALIZED WE HADN'T CHECKED YOUR PLACE SINCE BEFORE SCHOOL, AND THERE HE WAS
.....
NO--HE SAID HE HAD SOME THINGS TO TAKE CARE OF
IT'S PROBABLY A GIRL HELL, I DON'T KNOW
BUT HE SEEMED FINE, SO RELAX I'M GOING BACK TO SCHOOL--THAT SELF-CENTERED PRICK CAN DO WHATEVER HE WANTS
YUUTO DIDN'T LOOK UP THE ENTIRE TIME HE SAID THAT
SOMETHING'S WRONG
COME ON

LOOK AFTER KOTAROU
HE CAN'T GET NEAR ME
SCREECH
DAMMIT!
REAL SMOOTH
BRAP
SMOOTH, JACKASS.
IT'S JUST I'LL SPILL EVERYTHING IF HE TOUCHES ME!
BRRR
BRRR
DON'T TAKE IT OUT ON THE BIKE
!
DAMMIT, TATSUKI!
YOU OWE ME BIG TIME!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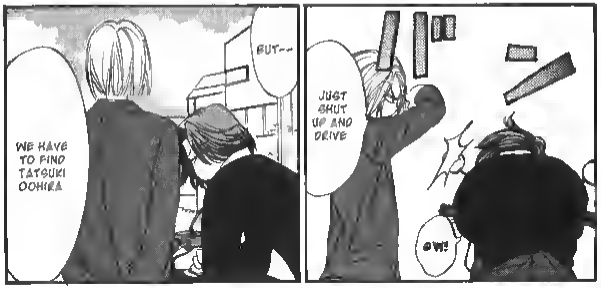

WE HAVE TO FIND TATSUKI OOHIRA
BUT--
JUST SHUT UP AND DRIVE
O-W!

THAT'S PROBABLY THE BEST THING I CAN DO FOR KOTAROU RIGHT NOW.
MAN, TATSUKI'S GONNA COOK ME INTO ORBIT.
BUT I GUESS... I COULD HELP TATSUKI TRACK DOWN WHOEVER WAS DRUGGING HIM.
I WAS SUPPOSED TO DISTRACT KOTAROU
FIND TATSUKI?

I DIDN'T...
I WENT OUT AND GOT ONE THE DAY AFTER YOU DITCHED ME
YOU GOT YOUR OWN WHEELS. I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD A LICENSE

HUH?

KAREN...

Community Courtyard
Information
I JUST CUT CLASS TO COME WATCH YOU PLAY OOHIRA FAMILY COUNSELOR.
AND DON'T DISAP-POINT ME

WHAT?
THAT SOUNDS IFFY
WHAT'D YOU DO?

IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR PET, DON'T BE
I TOOK CARE OF KOTAROU OOHIRA
はぁ?
I'M AN ASS
WHY AM I AN ASS?

WHAT?!
THERE.
I'M SURE OF IT.
THAT'S HIM.

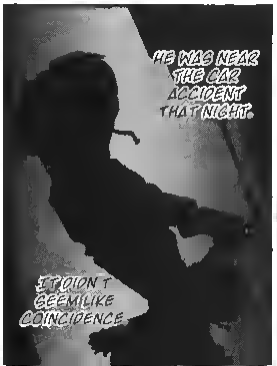
I'M SUCH A DORK
OH, MAN
!!
TRY TO DITCH ME NOW
WHENEVER I SEE A LIME-GREEN AURA LIKE THAT...
.. I BECOME THE BIGGEST SOFTIE.

AKIRA COULD BE AFTER KOTAROU?
WAS THE DOCTOR TALKING TO AKIRA?
WHEN I WAS UNCONSCIOUS

I WILL FIND OUT.

I HAVE TO FIND OUT

AKIRA!


HE WAS NEAR THE CAR ACCIDENT THAT NIGHT.
IT DION'T SEEM LIKE COINCIDENCE

WHY ARE THEY TOGETHER?
DOES THAT MEAN ..

HUH?
HEY
YOU SEEM UPSET
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD TOUCH ME, MIO
IT MIGHT SCREW YOU UP
KOTAROU
YOU ALREADY KNOW
I'M WRONG
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT?
THAT'S AN AWFUL THING TO SAY

GRUNCH
KOTAROU
THERE YOU ARE
I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU

@HMY GOD
YOU REALLY THINK OF YOUR POWER THAT WAY?
DAMMIT! I-I THOUGHT HE WAS MY FRIEND!
..WAS FOR HIM TO TELL ME THE TRUTH!
ALL I WANTED
KOTAROU
THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL
YUUTO NEVER THOUGHT YOUR AGILITY WAS A BAD THING.
AND NEITHER

I CREEP THE HELL OUT OF EVERYONE I KNOW.
YOU CAN SAY IT, MIO. I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HIDE IT, OKAY?
KOTAROU!
JUST TELL ME THE TRUTH
YUUTO WAS PRETTY DAMN OBVIOUS ABOUT THE WAY HE FEELS!
I SAW THE WAY HE JERKED HIS HAND BACK FROM MINE
HE THINKS I'M A FREAK.

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Mi--
WHEN YOU LOVE SOMEONE, SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO HIDE THINGS FOR THEIR SAKE
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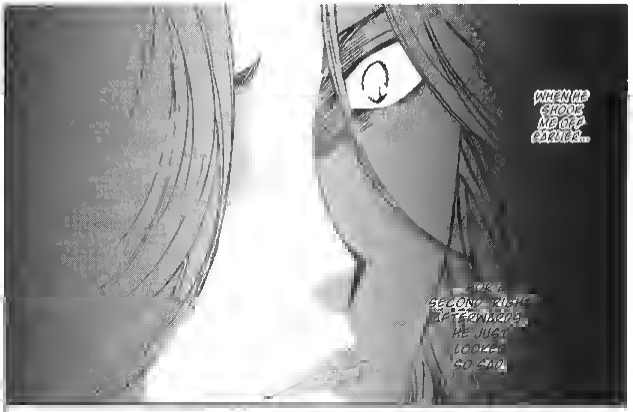
...DID I.


WHEN HE SHOOK MORE EARLIER...
OR I SECOND THOUGHT AFTERWARDS HE JUST LOOKED SO SAD

THAT BEING A PSYCHIC IS REALLY PAINFUL?
DID HE REALIZE THAT I'D GET HURT?
MAYBE HE KNEW

THEIR PERSONALITIES ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT...
...SO I ALWAYS WONDERED WHY THEY HUNG OUT

MAYBE HE SHARES THAT WITH TATSUKI

DO YOU HONESTLY THINK YUUTO'S AFRAID OF YOUR TOUCH?
OR WAS HE JUST AFRAID OF TELLING YOU SOME SECRET?

MAYBE IT WAS THAT THING ABOUT TATSUKI
A SECRET

BELIEVE IN HIM
YUUTO WOULD NEVER THINK OF YOU AS A FREAK

THERE WAS SOMETHING

DON'T LET HIS FRIENDSHIP BE IN VAIN

Squeeze
DON'T WORRY
I LOVE YOUR POWER

IF I WANNA BE LIKE THEM...
...I HAVE TO ACCEPT MY POWER.

THEY'RE NOT LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.
THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT DREW THEM TOGETHER--- WHAT THEY BOTH DEAL WITH

KOTA-ROU

EVEN IF I'M SCARED
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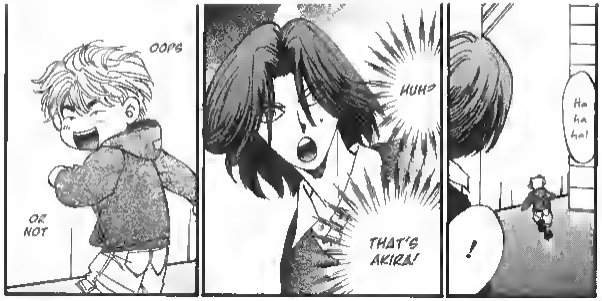
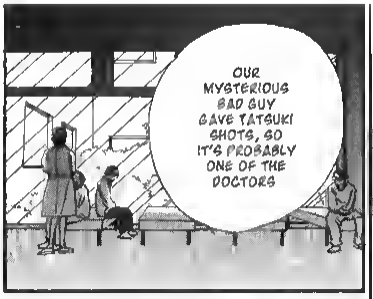
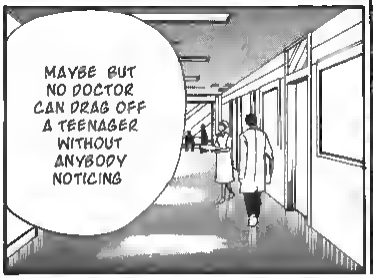

OOPS
OR NOT
HUH?
THAT'S AKIRA!
Ha ha ha!
!

Hmm
JEEZ SOMETIMES I WONDER ABOUT THAT KID. HE'S GROWING UP A LITTLE GAY
NOT THAT I CAN BLAME HIM FOR HIS TASTE IN EXTRAORDINARILY HOT MEN, BUT--
I MEAN, TALKING ABOUT HOW HE DIGS KOTAROU AND HIS DAD, AND THEN ADDING TATSUKI AND ME TO THE LIST BUT NO MENTION OF THE LOVELY MIO?

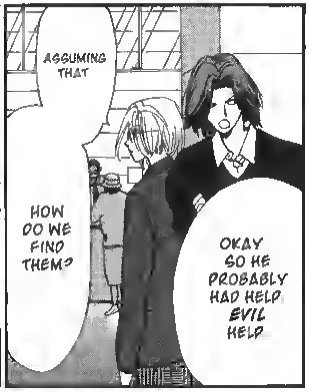
TATSUKI
HIS DAD
KOTA-ROU
ME
WAIT!


OUR MYSTERIOUS BAD GUY GAVE TATSUKI SHOTS, SO IT'S PROBABLY ONE OF THE DOCTORS

ALL RIGHT-- HERE'S THE THING


MAYBE BUT NO DOCTOR CAN DRAG OFF A TEENAGER WITHOUT ANYBODY NOTICING

BUT THAT MEANS ASKING EVERY DOCTOR IF THEY STOLE A HIGH SCHOOL BOY
NRM
I GUESS I COULD TRY READING AURAS.


ASSUMING THAT
HOW DO WE FIND THEM?
OKAY SO HE PROBABLY HAD HELP. EVIL HELP

HE HAD ON A WHITE COAT, DIDN'T HE?
THE GUY HE WAS WITH YESTERDAY.
MAYBE HE WAS SOME SORT OF SCIENTIST OR...
I LOVE THAT NICE MAN!
AKIRA WAS FAWNING OVER SOME OTHER GUY, TOO
HOLD ON
!!
THAT'S IT!
THE DOCTOR WHO KIDNAPPED TATSUKI!
ALL OF US ARE PSYCHICS!
HE COULD BE WHAT WAS DRIVING TATSUKI NUTS.
SO IT'S NOT JUST HIS DAD.
THAT'S WAY TOO WEIRD TO BE COINCIDENCE
BUT IS IT POSSIBLE TO BE ABLE TO TRACK DOWN OTHER PSYCHICS?
MAYBE HE SENSED SOMETHING IN AKIRA
AKIRA HAS ESP, TOO
IS THAT AKIRA'S POWER?!

HANG IN THERE, GUYS
I WON'T LET THAT BASTARD TOUCH YOU.
I HAVE TO FIND WHERE AKIRA GOES TO SCHOOL
YOU'RE BLAZING
DID YOU FIND SOMETHING?
THE CRIMINAL MASTERMIND! WHERE IS HE?!
WHO'S AKIRA? HEY!
No touchie!
HUH?!
AZAMI ELEMENTARY
WE THINK IS AFTER KOTAROU!
HE COULD BE THE ONE
WHATEVER-- I'LL FIGURE OUT THE WHY LATER
I HAVE TO FIND THAT DOCTOR GEEZUKE TATSUKI DOES
IF I GET TO HIM FIRST, MAYBE WE'LL GET OUT OF THIS IN ONE PIECE
BUT I STILL DON'T GET IT
WHAT DOES HE WANT WITH THEM?

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LOOK I DON'T CARE WHAT TATSUKI TOLD YOU
IF HE GETS PISSED, THEN HE CAN KICK MY ASS HIMSELF
WHAT I DO IS UP TO ME
NO YOU'RE NOT, KOTAROU!
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IF YOU'RE GOING AFTER THE DOCTOR, I'M COMING WITH YOU
LIKE TATSUKI WOULD LAY A FINGER ON YOU
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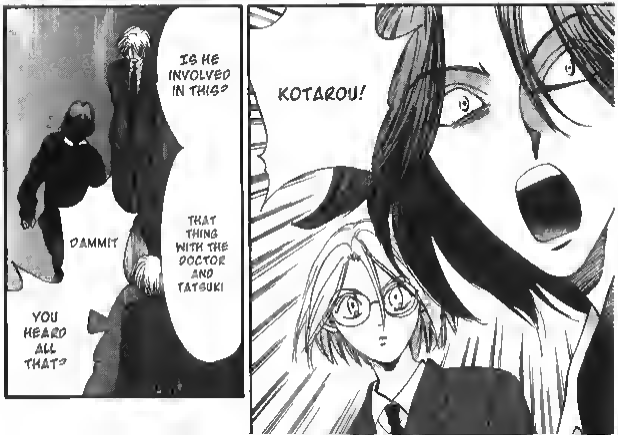
WE'RE FRIENDS, AREN'T WE?
YUUTO
DON'T KEEP ME OUT OF THIS

HE GOES TO AZAMI ELEMENTARY


IS HE INVOLVED IN THIS?
THAT THING WITH THE DOCTOR AND TATSUKI
DAMMIT
YOU HEARD ALL THAT?
KOTAROU!

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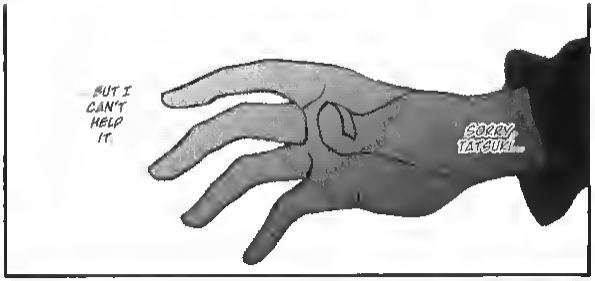

...BUT I CAN'T HELP IT.
SORRY, TATSUKI...

I JUST CAN'T STAND TO SEE THIS KIDOO CRY...
FAIR ENOUGH

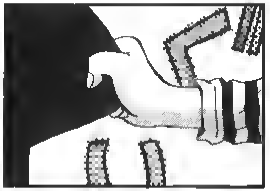
★ ACT 26 ★ END

HE'S IN TROUBLE, BUT HE DOESN'T CARE
TATSUKI'S TRYING TO DO EVERYTHING BY HIMSELF AGAIN
UNLESS IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH OUR POWERS
AND WHAT DOES HIM GETTING CLOSE TO ME HAVE TO DO WITH ANYTHING?
NONE OF THIS MAKES ANY SENSE
DAMMIT
WHAT THE HELL ARE WE?

SO YOU REALLY THINK TATSUKI'S GONE OFF TO FIND THE DOCTOR?
PROBABLY
DAMNED IF I KNOW
TATSUKI OVERHEARD SOMETHING, THOUGH
WHAT KIND OF SICKO LOCKS UP PATIENTS AND SHOOTS THEM UP ALL NIGHT?!
AND WHAT WAS IN THE SHOTS, ANYWAY?
JUST KEEP SOME SPACE BETWEEN YOU AND TATSUKI UNTIL WE FIX THIS, OKAY?
WHOEVER'S AFTER HIM IS WAITING FOR THE TWO OF YOU TO MEET UP THEY WANT YOU, TOO
THAT'S WHY TATSUKI WANTED ME TO KEEP YOU AWAY FROM ALL THIS

I LOST HIM
SHIT

YOU!
WHATCHA DOING?



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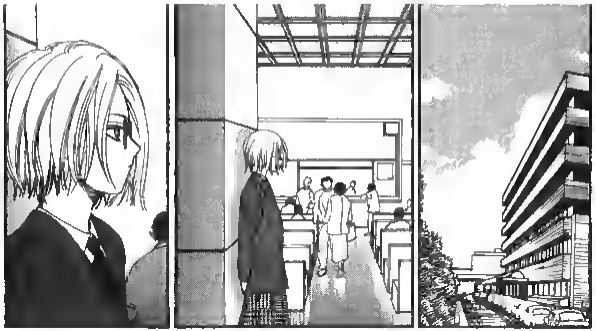

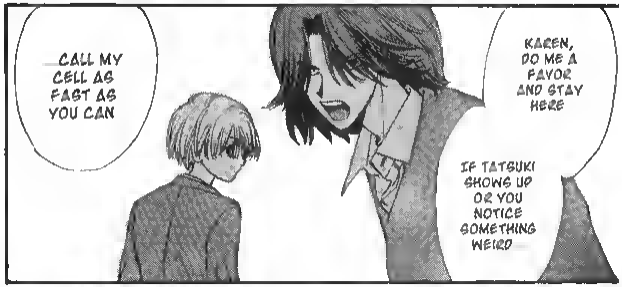
CALL MY CELL AS FAST AS YOU CAN
KAREN, DO ME A FAVOR AND STAY HERE
IF TATSUKI SHOWS UP OR YOU NOTICE SOMETHING WEIRD

THE PLOT'S GIVING ORDERS AND IS ACTUALLY GIVEN A DAMN
HM. MUST BE A FULL MOON TONIGHT.

HE MAY STILL BE OUT
HE LEFT EARLIER
SO MUCH FOR YOUR HEAD START!!
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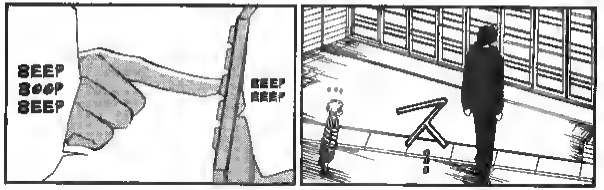
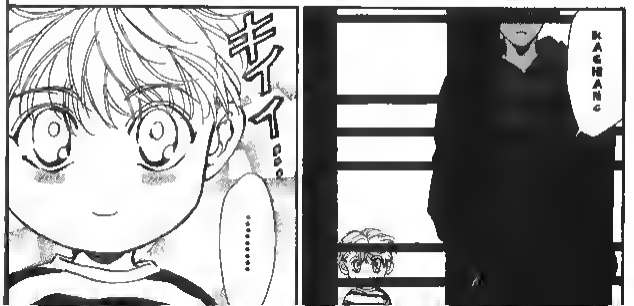

BEEP BEEP BEEP
BEEP BEEP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I'LL COUNT TO THREE

THE MAN FROM THE HOSPITAL HAS A FISH TANK!
OW!
I-I JUST WANNA SEE THE TROPICAL FISH!

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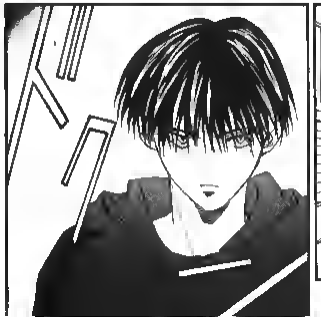
AND HE LIVES AROUND HERE
THIS SOUNDS LIKE A TRAP
THE MAN FROM THE HOSPITAL?



YUP! OVER THERE

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IF WE INCREASE HIS STRESS, HE'LL AWAKEN ALL AT ONCE
EXACTLY
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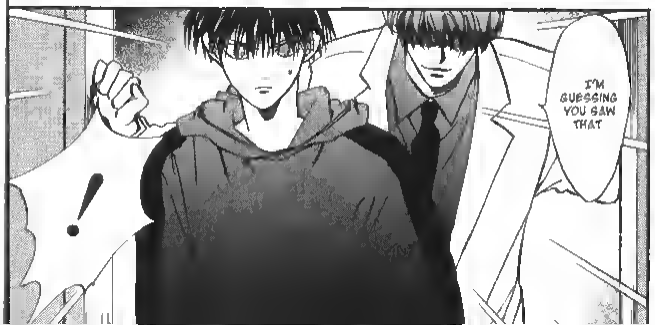
HIM?!


I'M GUESSING YOU SAW THAT
!

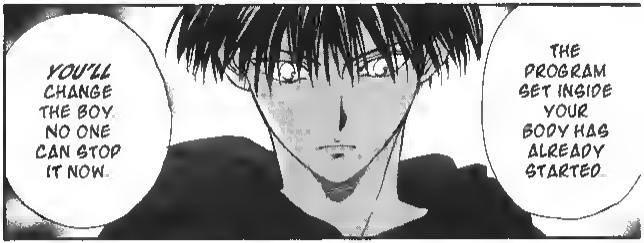
THIS IS IT
IT'S THE ROOM I WAS IN
MAGIC MARBLE

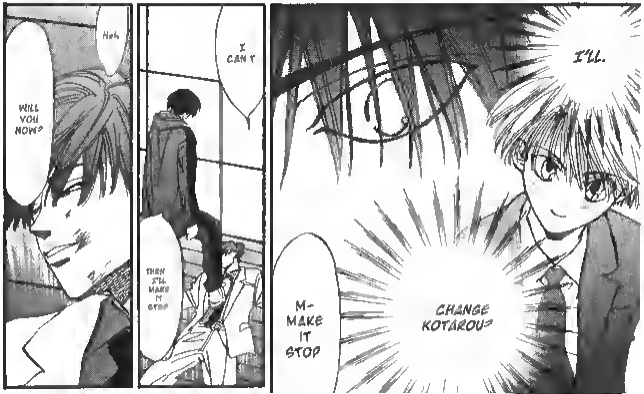
WHO WAS HE TALKING TO?
I THOUGHT WE WAIT UNTIL THE TWO GET TOGETHER
CRAK
THEN...

WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH HIM, YOU SON OF A BITCH?!
AND WHAT THE HELL DOES HE HAVE TO WAKE UP FROM?!
EASY, KID. THE ENTIRE ORGANIZATION IS BEHIND THIS-- EVERYONE AND HIS DOG WANTS HIM TO REALIZE HIS POWER
ALL THOSE HOURS YOU WERE UNDER
I GUESS YOU NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT WE DID TO YOU...
MAKE THEM STOP!
WIPE THAT GODDAMN SMILE OFF YOUR FACE!

I'LL MAKE IT STOP!

EVERY GIFTED KID HE'S PICKED UP IS NOW A COMPLETELY DEVELOPED PSYCHIC.
YOU SAW WHO'S IN CHARGE. HE NEVER DROPS A PROJECT.


YOU'LL CHANGE THE BOY. NO ONE CAN STOP IT NOW.
THE PROGRAM SET INSIDE YOUR BODY HAS ALREADY STARTED.


Heh.
WILL YOU NOW?
I CAN'T
THEN I'LL MAKE IT STOP
I'LL.
M-MAKE IT STOP
CHANGE KOTAROU?

WHAT?!
KOTAROU MUST'VE FELT SOMETHING AGAIN
CRAP
SOMETHING HAPPENED TO TATSUKI
YOU GUYS!
HUH?
WAIT!
WE HAVE TO FIND AKIRA, YUUTO!
HE MIGHT KNOW WHERE THE DOCTOR IS!
I'M LOOKING FOR AKIRA
AKIRA?
OH HE DITCHED SCHOOL AFTER LUNCH
SURE
AKIRA HAS A TENDENCY TO DISAPPEAR UNFORTUNATELY
HE WHAT?!

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HUH?!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
Byo!
WHAT WAS THAT?
I SWEAR I HEARD TATSUKI'S VOICE
JUST NOW

YOU KNOW HOW HE DOTES ON AKIRA YOU'RE GONNA GIVE THE MAN A HEART ATTACK!
DON'T TELL HIM THAT!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?! THIS IS YOUR BIG IDEA!
IF AKIRA CAN FIND PSYCHICS, HE CAN FIND THE ASSHOLE DOCTOR!

JUST CALM DOWN
WE CAN SAY WE NEED AKIRA FOR A GAME OR SOME-

I WANNA FIND TATSUKI!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO WORRY ABOUT THAT, YUUTO!

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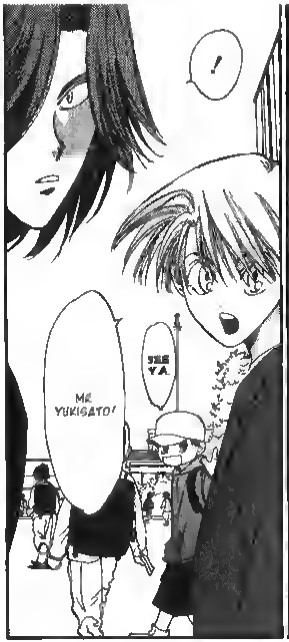
HOLY...!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ME YUKISATO!
SEE YA.

I THINK HE ENJOYS TRYING ME

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?!
MMPH!

!!
MAYBE
WE NEED AKIRA'S HELP TO FIND--

IS THERE SOMETHING I CAN HELP WITH?

SIR?
BEEP
IS THAT YOU, DADDY?
BIG BROTHER KOTAROU
UM... I'M NEAR THE BLUE LIBRARY
OH MY GOD! AKIRA!
WHERE ARE YOU RIGHT NOW?!
?!
?!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
THAT'S THE EAST LIBRARY LET'S GO!
BLUE LIBRARY?
AKIRA, LISTEN TO ME WE HAVE TO TALK--- JUST SIT SOMEWHERE AND WAIT FOR ME
OKAY?!

HIS AURA'S GOLD!
HE ALREADY KNOWS THE TRUTH
AND IF HE'S ANYTHING LIKE UDOU
SAME AS UDOU.

THEN DOES HE KNOW... WHY THE TWO OF US ARE LIKE THIS?
THE TRUTH?
DAD ON ME ABOUT TATSUKI AND ME.
TATSUKI
...I WANNA KNOW HOW TO FIX THINGS...
AFTER EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED...
I WANNA KNOW THE TRUTH!
KOTARO'S CHANGING COLORS...
THOSE MAKE SENSE, BUT...
THERE'S NOT EVEN THE SAME TENSION AND FEAR.
HE'S ALSO FEELING HOPE.
HOPE FOR HIM AND TATSUKI.

VIHA...
HE SEES THROUGH US!
I KNEW IT
YOU SHOULDN'T GO
STAYING HERE IS YOUR BEST CHANCE AT SAVING TATSUKI.
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH BEHIND YOUR CONNECTION WITH YOUR COUSIN...
I HAVE THE ANSWERS YOU'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR.
WE CAN TALK, IF YOU'D LIKE

KINDA NOISY OVER THERE
Wooo ooo
Wooo ooo
!
THE OTHER PATIENTS DIDN'T DRAW THAT KIND OF CROWD.

UH-OH
EXPLO-SION?
WHAT HAPPENED?
THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION AT HIS HOME!
ONE OF THE HOSPITAL'S BRAIN SURGEONS WAS BADLY HURT

JUST SIT TIGHT FOR A WHILE
WE HAVE TO KEEP YOU TWO SEPARATED FOR NOW, RIGHT?

I'M COUNTING ON YOU

YUUTA
LET'S SPLIT UP, KOTAROU
I'LL TAKE CARE OF TATSUKI

MAYBE WE CAN GO BACK TO HOW WE USED TO BE

WHAT'S HE GONNA TELL ME?
WILL TATSUKI?
WILL I FEEL BETTER AFTER HEARING IT?

MY CLASS-ROOM IS EMPTY
UM OKAY
GOD

Murmur
Murmur
Murmur
NO WAY CAN HE LEVEL A HOUSE!
Stay back, sir.
DID TATSUKI DO THIS?
SHIT
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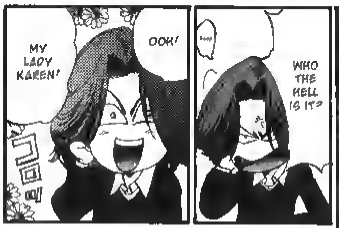
HEY
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?!

THAT INFURIATING LITTLE COCKROACH!


MY LADY KAREN!
OOH!
WHO THE HELL IS IT?
.WHAT?!

THAT SPOILED BRAT NEVER LISTENS!
WE TOLD HIM TO STAY PUT! ARGH!
The East ...ntry
Children ... Center
I SWEAR TO GOD, HE'D BETTER HAVE CAUGHT ON FIRE

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I'M NOT A PESSIMIST AT HEART, BUT I'M GETTING A BAD FEELING
ONE OF THE DOCTORS HERE WAS INJURED IN AN EXPLOSION AT HIS HOUSE

I THOUGHT YOU GUYS WERE FRIENDS!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
YUKIGATO'S GOT THE SAME AURA AS YOU
KIBA
YEAH
WAIT!
FOR THE LOVE OF GOD!
WE'RE ENEMIES
WAKE UP!

YOU SAW TATSUKI DO THIS?!
WAIT
YOUR FRIEND DESTROYED THIS PLACE
I DON'T HAVE EVIDENCE OF COURSE
Murmur
Come here
Murmur
YOU!
THE GUY COULD BLOW YOUR HEAD OFF.
GET IT TOGETHER, GENIUS
DO YOU REALIZE WHO YOU'RE DEALING WITH?
WHAT?!
YUKI-GATO
HUH?
WHAT GUY?

FOR WHATEVER REASON, I THINK TATSUKI AND I ARE EXCEPTIONS
I KNOW WE'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES LIKE THIS...
BUT STILL
YUUTO'S GOT HIS POWER, AND YOU AND AKIRA, I GUESS
IT'S BEEN GETTING TO TATSUKI
THEY GET STRONGER WHEN WE'RE NEAR EACH OTHER
OUR POWERS ARE... CONNECTED, I GUESS?
I DO, SIR...
DO YOU HATE YOUR POWER?
SINCE I CAME TO TOKYO AND STARTED LIVING WITH HIM...
WEIRD STUFF'S HAPPENED TO ME, TOO...

I KNOW THAT TATSUKI STARTED SEEING THE PAST BECAUSE WE TOUCHED A LOT AS KIDS
KOTAROU!
THE WHOLE THING'S BEEN REALLY HARD ON HIM

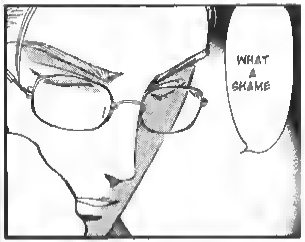
DO YOU AND AKIRA HAVE POWERS, TOO?
MAY I ASK YOU SOMETHING, SIR?
MM
A BIT
BUT I HAVE NO IDEA HOW OR WHY IT HAPPENED IN THE FIRST PLACE

...BUT I BELIEVE THE SITUATION IS THAT YOUR POWER IS ACTUALLY LEAKING INTO TATSUKI
HUH?
YOUR POWER ONLY BEGAN MANIFESTING RECENTLY BECAUSE TATSUKI'S BODY IS REACHING OVERLOAD
IT EXPLAINS YOUR SLOWED DEVELOPMENT
THE TWO OF YOU ARE EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE
I'M NOT SURE HOW IT HAPPENED

HE'S BEING FORCED TO TAKE IN POWER BEYOND THE LIMITS OF HIS CAPACITY
IT'S PROBABLY WHY HE'S SUFFERING
OVERLOAD?

WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN TO US?
I HATE WHAT IT'S DONE TO ME
...AND I REALLY CAN'T STAND WHAT IT'S DONE TO TATSUKI
I JUST WANT THINGS TO BE HOW THEY USED TO BE

YOU HAVE AN EXTRAORDINARY ABILITY, KOTAROU YOU'RE THE SECOND STRONGEST-- IF NOT THE STRONGEST-- PSYCHIC I'VE EVER COME IN CONTACT WITH
TATSUKI IS AN UNGIFTED NOBODY COMPARED TO YOU.


WHAT A SHAME

SIR?

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BUT DADDY--
NO EXCUSES I WANT YOU HOME
HELLO, AKIRA?
IT'S DADDY
IT'S FIVE O'CLOCK-- I WANT YOU TO GO HOME
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BYE BYE
CAN I GO HOME NOW?
MY SCHOOL'S RIGHT AFTER YOU TURN THAT CORNER

GO?
WHAT IF HE'S RIGHT?
cinch
NO WAY
I'M LEAKING INTO TATSUKI?
HOW DOES THAT EVEN
BEEP
?
IF WE REALLY CAN'T BE TOGETHER, THEN SHOULD I MOVE AWAY FROM TOKYO?
TELL ME WHAT TO DO, SIR
TELL ME HOW TO STOP THE LEAK!

I ASKED ABOUT TATSUKI
HUH?
WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?
KOTAROU
AND THIS'S SORTA... CREEPING ME OUT
SO YOU'RE SAYING I SHOULD STOP THE LEAK? THAT THAT'LL MAKE TATSUKI BETTER?!
HOW DO I FIX A LEAK?!
IT'S AN INTOLER-ABLE SHAME
IT'S A CRIME, WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU
FOR A BOY WITH YOUR TALENT TO BE SPILLING ENERGY INTO A USELESS CONTAINER...

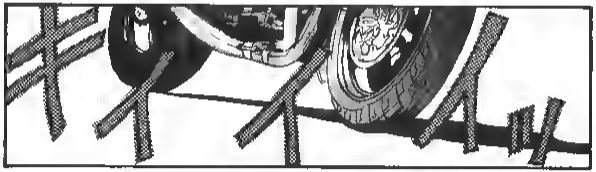
WERE YOU NORMAL, THAT WOULD SUFFICE
BUT THE FACT IS YOU ARE NOT
UH...
KOTAROU
YOU TRULY ARE A CONSIDERATE BOY
YOU WERE BORN FOR A GREATER PURPOSE, NOT UNLIKE AKIRA
FOR THE SAKE OF THAT PURPOSE
..YOU NEED TO RECLAIM THE POWER YOU'VE LOST.

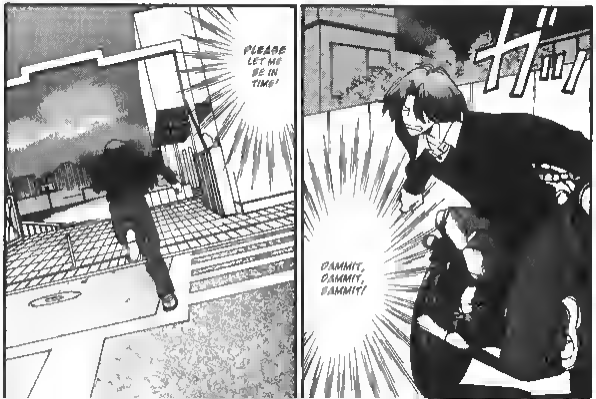
YOU SHOULD FREE HIM FROM HIS SUFFERING YOURSELF
IF YOU REALLY CARE FOR YOUR COUSIN...
HIS BODY WASN'T MADE TO ACCEPT THAT SORT OF POWER IN THE FIRST PLACE
THE VESSEL...

TATSUKI'S BODY.

IT'S TIME TO BECOME AN ADULT, KOTAROU
ACCEPT YOUR FATE
AND THINK DEEPLY ON THE MEANING OF THE POWER YOU'VE BEEN BLESSED WITH…

NO!
LET ME GO!
AWAKENING A TREMENDOUS POWER LIKE YOURS CAN'T COME WITHOUT SACRIFICE
I UNDERSTAND THAT WELL, AS I WAS FORCED TO LOSE MY WIFE




PLEASE LET ME BE IN TIME!
DAMMIT, DAMMIT, DAMMIT!

HMPH
BURN IN HELL, ASSHOLE!

I COULD NEVER...
NEVER

ALL I KNOW IS

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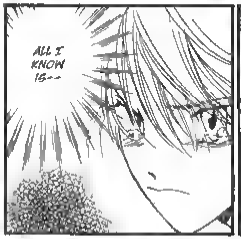
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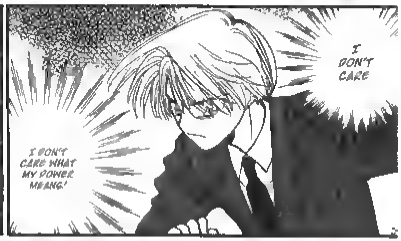
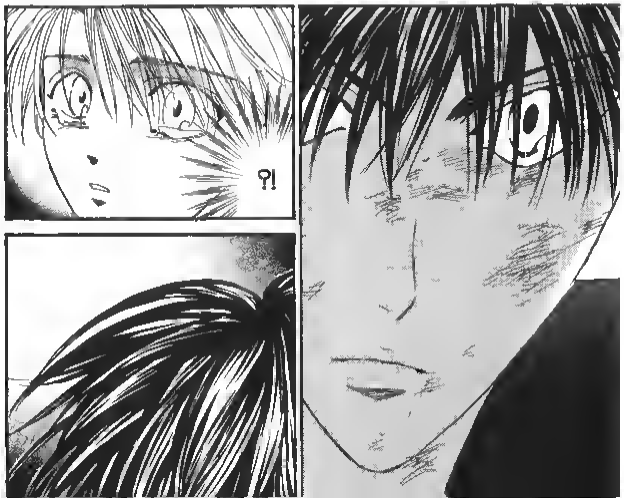

I DON'T CARE
I DON'T CARE WHAT MY POWER MEANS!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

KOTA-ROU!

...DO ANYTHING TO HURT YOU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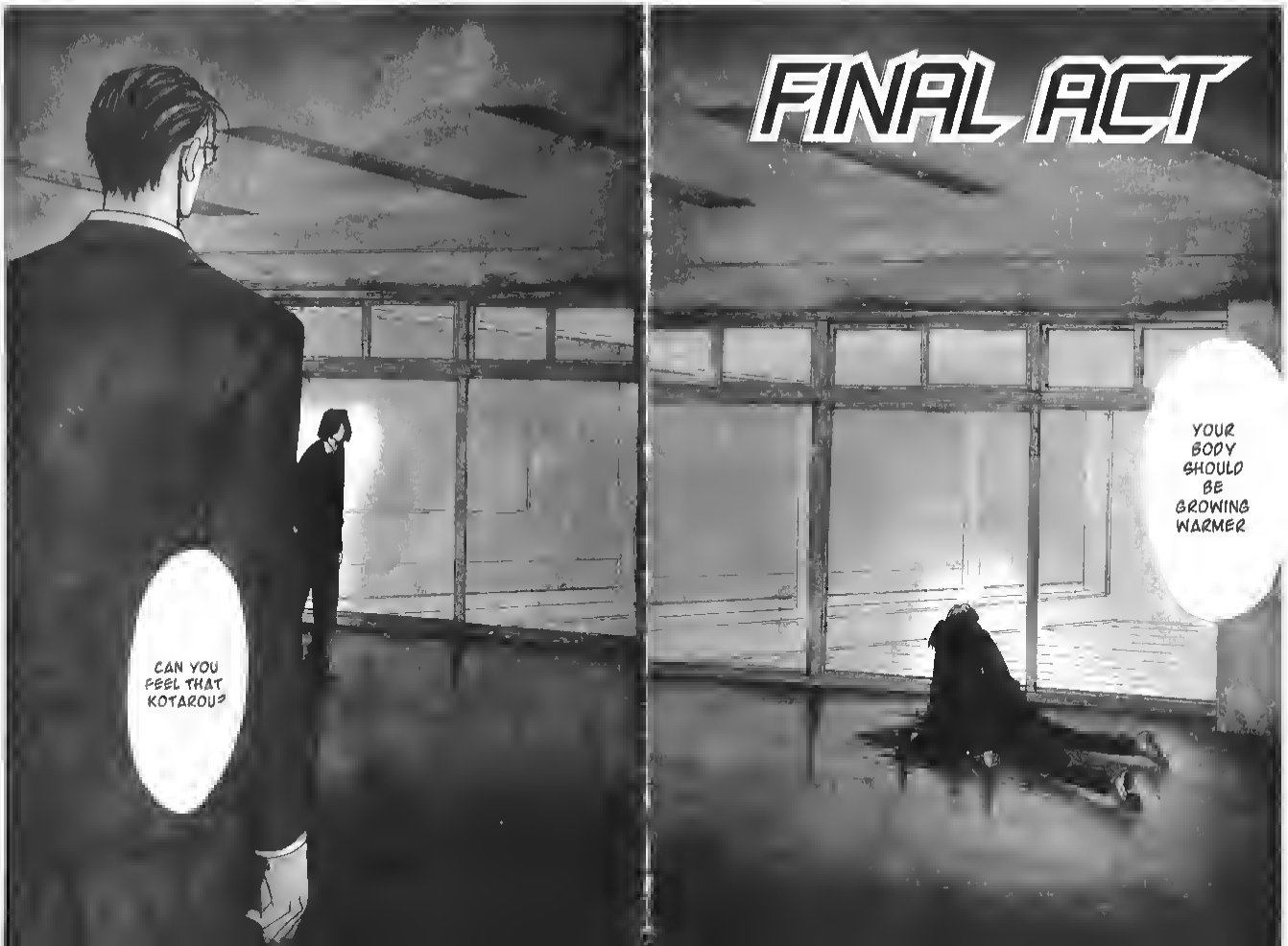
FINAL ACT
CAN YOU FEEL THAT KOTAROU?
YOUR BODY SHOULD BE GROWING WARMER

AT LAST IT'S TIME...
FOR YOU TO TAKE BACK WHAT'S YOURS
FOR HELP
JUST LEMME CALL...
DON'T PANIC, KOTAROU HE'S GONNA BE OKAY!
WHAT THE...
WHAT WAS THAT?!

HE'S NOT MOVING.
HE'S ALL WET
REMEMBER
YES, KOTAROU
WHY DOES THIS
FEEL SO FAMILIAR?
HE'S ALREADY
CLUNK
OH MY GOD

HOW DID I...

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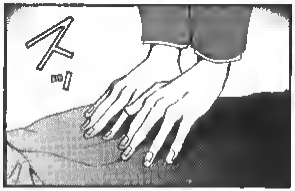
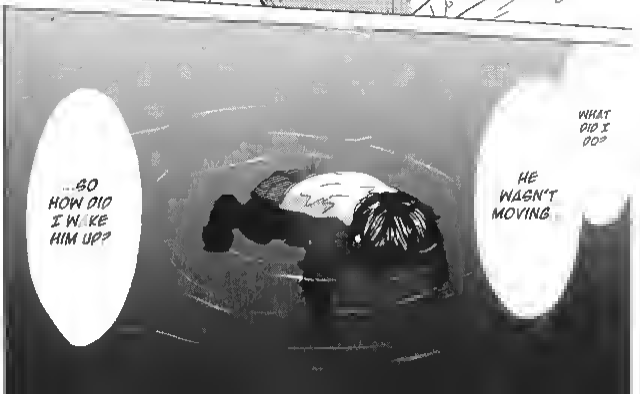

no!

HUH?!

THAT TIME

I...
I DID SOMETHING


...SO HOW DID I WAKE HIM UP?
HE WASN'T MOVING
WHAT DID I DO?

THE POWER LEAK MOST LIKELY STARTED WITH SOME SORT OF TRAUMA
GOOD
AS CHILDREN, PERHAPS, YOU INSTINCTIVELY TRIED TO HELP HIM WITHOUT REALIZING YOUR OWN CAPABILITY
I ASSUME YOU HAD A CRISIS WITH TATSUKI
THAT ENDS NOW.
WITH THE DEATH OF YOUR COUSIN, YOUR GIFT CAN BE RETURNED TO YOU.
YOU RECOGNIZE YOUR ABILITY.
THAT IS DISTORTED YOUR TREMENDOUS POWER
YOUR FAILURE TO SAVE HIM WAS SO STRONG

HIS AURA'S WHITE!
WHAT'S HE DOING?!
IS HE TRYING TO BRING TATSUKI BACK TO LIFE?!

YOUR KI IS FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN—
ODD...
HIS AURA'S WEAKENING!
?!
NO
WHAT'S HAPPENING!
TATSUKI!
WAKE UP!
PLEASE, OPEN YOUR EYES!
WE DID THIS BEFORE, REMEMBER?
...THAT YOU WILL WANT YOUR POWER BACK.
THIS WILL BE THE REASON...
THIS IS THE PIVOTAL MOMENT
YOU HAVE TO WANT TO USE IT. IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO TRULY AWAKEN

I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU!
TAKE MY POWER.

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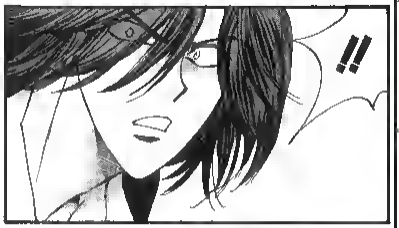
YOU FOOLISH BOY
HOW DARE YOU THROW YOUR POWER AWAY!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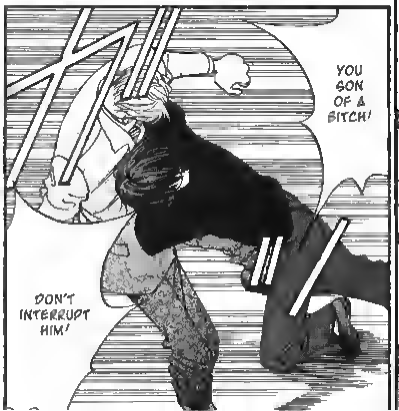
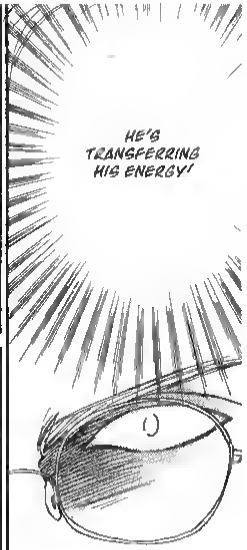
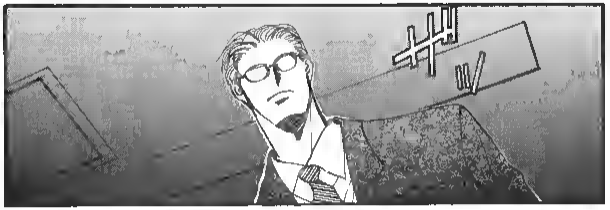

YOU SON OF A BITCH!
DON'T INTERRUPT HIM!


HE'S TRANSFERRING HIS ENERGY!

LEAVE THEM ALONE

YOU AGAIN.
UGOU!

WHA--



HUH?!
ALL RIGHT
YOU'RE DONE HERE, YUKIGATO

KIBA...?
WELL, I CERTAINLY KNOW WHAT HE'S CAPABLE OF, IF PUSH CAME TO SHOVE
ALL RIGHT.
I'M A LITTLE SURPRISED
TO SEE YOU GO ATTACHED TO SOMEONE.
THIS IS IN YOUR HANDS
FINE.

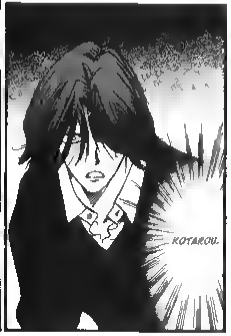
EVEN IF YOU INTERFERE, IT'S A LOST CAUSE--HE WON'T BE THE PERSON YOU WANT HIM TO BE.
THIS KID WOULDN'T SUIT YOUR WAY OF DOING THINGS.
YOU'RE IN MY WAY
COME ON, KOTA-ROU!
KEEP THAT PSYCHO BACK.
GOOD, UDOU, GOOD.
I KNOW YOU PRETTY WELL BY NOW
LEAVE THEM BE
I DON'T WANT THIS TO GET MESSY.
ARE YOU TELLING ME TO GIVE HIM TO YOU?

TATSUKI...

IT'S OKAY.
I GAVE YOU MY POWER...
YOU'RE NOT GONNA DIE

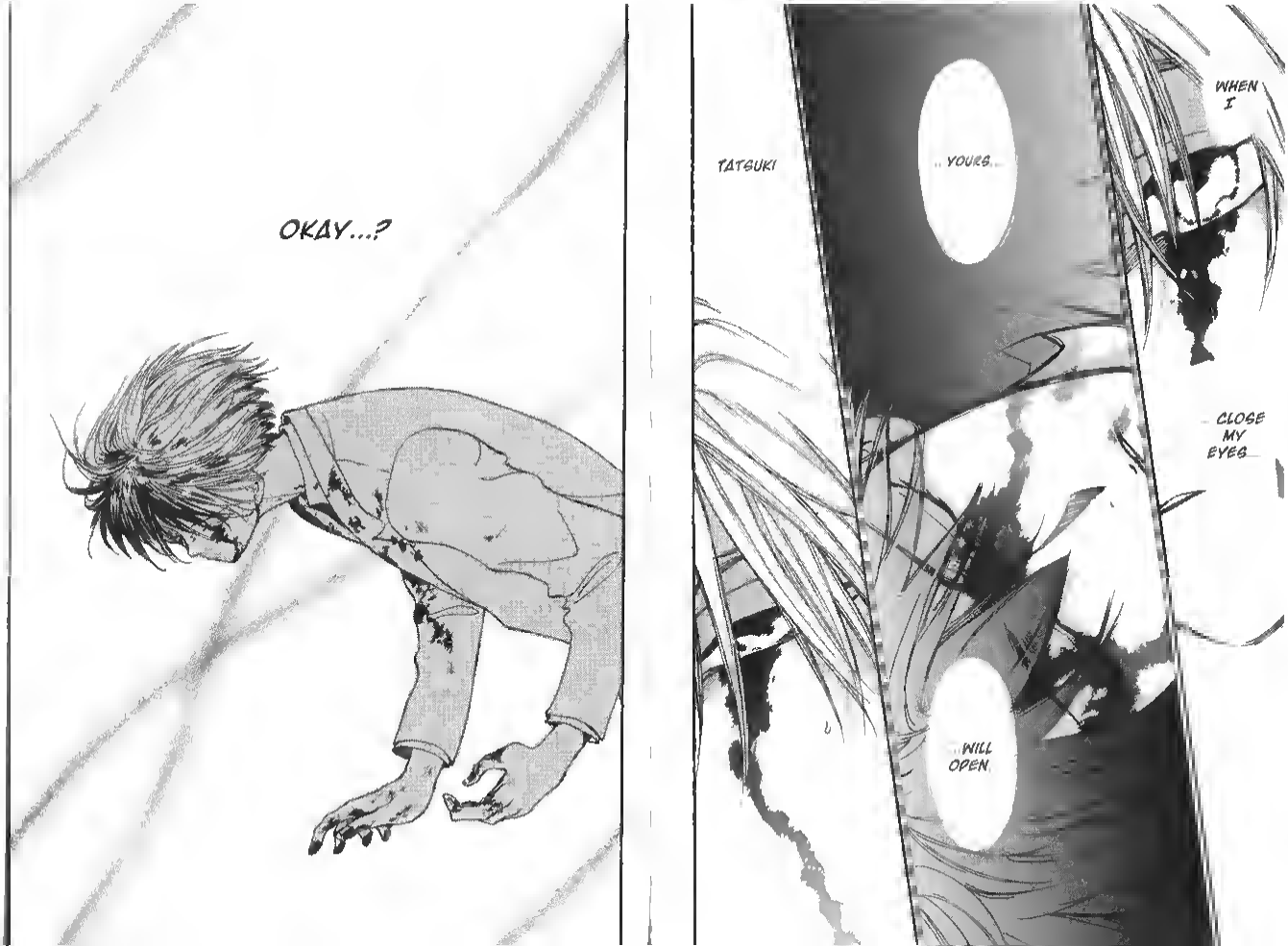
JUST LIKE WHEN WE WERE LITTLE
SO I KNOW YOU'LL WAKE UP.

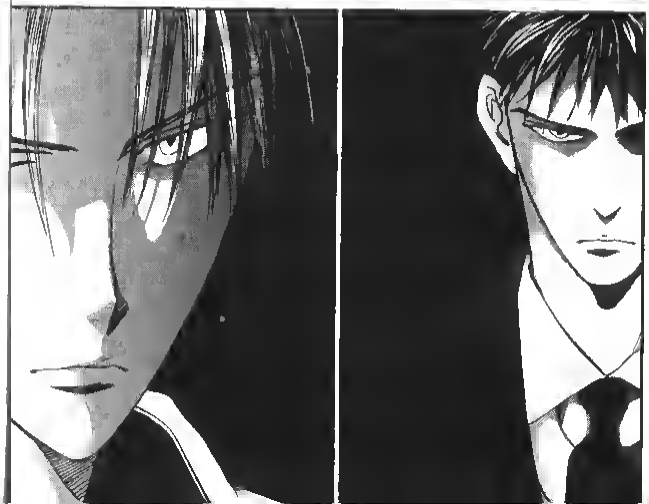
I CAN BARELY SEE HIS AURA.
HE'S PROBABLY EXHAUSTED!


KOTAROU.

I KNOW YOU CAN!
YOU CAN DO THIS, KIO

SAVE HIM!
PLEASE!


OKAY...?
TATSUKI
..YOURS..
WHEN I
CLOSE MY EYES
..WILL OPEN.



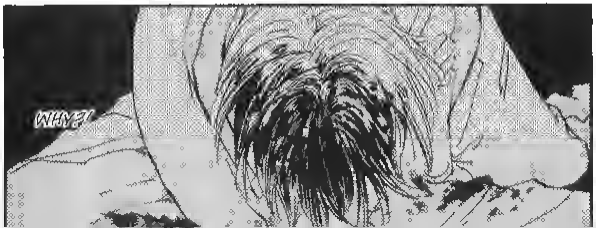
WHAT A SHAME

KOTAROU!
WHY NOT?!
DON'T TOUCH HIM

IT JUST VANISHED.
HIS AURA.

BUT...

WHY?


WHY?

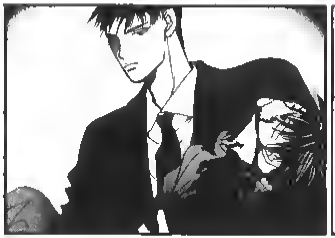
FINAL ACT

I'LL BE DAMNED IF I LET YOU GOOSE THIS ONE, UCHI!
YOU'D BETTER LEAVE BEFORE SOMEONE SEES YOU HERE

HEY!
SAY SOMETHING!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?!

UCHICHI-YAMA

THOSE ARE MY FRIENDS, GODDAMMIT!
WHY CAN'T YOU TELL ME?!



WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WHERE ARE YOU TAKING THEM?!
WAIT!

I'LL REMEMBER THIS HORRIBLE SIGHT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE

FORGET THE THINGS YOU SAW HERE TODAY

H-HOW COULD I FORGET THIS?

FINAL ACT

I WISH I COULD STUDY ABROAD
MAN, THAT SOUNDS SWEET!
THEY WENT TO VISIT ME UDOU, RIGHT?
IN NEW YORK OR SOMETHING?
HEY
JUST TALK TO ME
ARE YOU SURE YOU CHECKED EVERYWHERE YOU COULD THINK OF?

One week later

HEY
NAH
HAVE YOU GUYS SEEN YUUTO?
HE PITCHED US AGAIN
HE'S BEEN REALLY WEIRD LATELY
YOU THINK HE WENT HOME?
HEE HEE
WHATEVER HE'S BEEN MOPING SINCE KOTAROU AND TATSUKI RAN OFF TOGETHER.
I DON'T BLAME HIM IT KINDA SUCKS

FINAL ACT

I'LL NEVER SEE THEM AGAIN
.....
YOU SHOULD GO BACK TO CLASS
WE'LL FIGURE SOMETHING OUT AFTER SCHOOL
YUUTO!
SUIZE
YUUTO
TANAKA WAS LOOKING FOR YOU, MAN
murmur
murmur

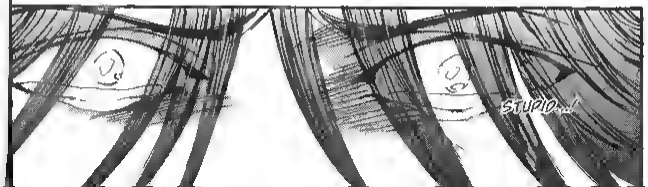
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING
IT'S USELESS
YUKIGATO'S OUT HIS SCHOOL
I CAN'T FIND JIDOU OR KIBA...
BUT YOU'RE ONE
I'VE SCOURED THE CITY FOR A WEEK.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THEY'RE ALIVE OR DEAD
I'LL SWALLOW KOTAKOU AND TATSUKI
SOME ORGANIZATION'S WORKING IN THE SHADOWS, BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE

SO YOU AND TATSUKI NEVER ENDED UP GOING TO THE STATES?
HEY, KOTARZOU

I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER US MAKING THAT PLAN, ACTUALLY
NO WAY!
THEY SAID I SLIPPED DOWN SOME STAIRS THE DAY BEFORE OUR FLIGHT
NOPE

Cool!
YOU STUPID...

TATSUKI SAID I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL THE GUY WHO RUNS IT IS A FRIEND OF UDOU-SENSEI'S
YOU DON'T REMEMBER THAT, EITHER?!
THEN YOU WERE HOME THIS WHOLE TIME
NO.
Wow

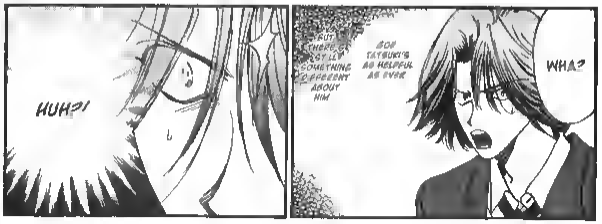

STUPID...!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?
YOU LOOK LIKE TOTAL CRAP
HUH?!

TATSUKI
YOU BASTARD!
I DON'T THINK YOU WERE GONNA MAKE IT LAST WEEK
I UNDERYOU'RE INDESTRUCTIBLE
EVEN WITH KOTAROU'S POWER
HE LOST HIS POWER AND HIS MEMORY OF IT
DON'T LET HIM HEAR YOU

YOU STUPID, THOUGHTLESS, HEART-BREAKING LITTLE FIEND!
!!!
SCREW YOU!
NEVER TOUCH ME AGAIN!
HEY
KOTAROU!
I'M NEVER LETTING YOU GO AGAIN!

FINAL ACT


HUH?!
BUT THERE'S STILL SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT HIM
SOH TATSUKI'S AS HELPFUL AS EVER
WHA?

I-I CAN'T SEE HIS AURA!
WHAT HAPPENED?!

I'M... CONFUSED AND SLIGHTLY ALARMED
IF THAT'S TRUE DAMN
CAN THAT EVEN HAPPEN?
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE KOTAROU'S PSYCHIC POWER IS GONE
BUT THAT'S LIKE...
UDOU AND KIBA
WHICH MEANS HIS POWER'S GOTTEN STRONGER

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HOW COME?
"LOST"?
YOU MEAN... KOTAROU'S ESP IS GONE?

THEY MAY COME TO TALK TO YOU AT SOME POINT
WHY WOULD--
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO HIM? DID UDOU DO IT?!
DUH?
H-HEY! WAIT!
GET BACK HERE!

HE GAVE IT UP.
HE TRADED ALL HIS POWER...
...TO SAVE TATSUKI'S LIFE.

WAS THAT WHAT THEY WERE DOING?
THEY MUST'VE TAKEN KOTAROU TO ERASE ALL HIS MEMORIES.
CRIPES, TATSUKI
TELL ME YOU DIDN'T ABSORB IT ALL.

THE AURAS DON'T LOOK ANY DIFFERENT WHEN I TOUCH HIM
.....
!!
IT'S TOO WEIRD
HEY!

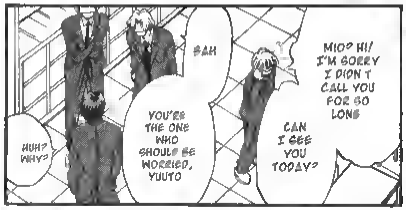
HE REALLY DIDN'T LOSE IT.
...THEN
IT'S TRUE

I GUESS IT MAKES SENSE, IN A WAY

See Volume 2

The lure of danger
Pretty boys
CUESES!
YOU'RE RIGHT!

MIO LIKES BAD BOYS-- ESPECIALLY THE PRETTY ONES
TATSUKI'S PRETTY MUCH HER FANTASY IF HE BECOMES LEGS OF A TIGHTASS
WHA?
BETTER LOCK DOWN YOUR GIRLFRIEND
YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN HE'S GONNA HIT THE MARKET WITH A VENGEANCE


HUH? WHY?
SAH
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE WORRIED, YUUTO
MIO? HI! I'M SORRY I DIDN'T CALL YOU FOR SO LONG
CAN I SEE YOU TODAY?

Oop!
LEMME USE YOUR CELL!
BEEP

EEK

MY LAMBS!
YEEK!
WHATEVER SHALL I DO?!
IF TATSUKI REALLY WANTED SOME SKIRT
IT'S ALL YOUR SINGLE GIRLS THAT'LL FLOCK TO HIM

YOU SEEM DIFFERENT, TATSUKI

ALTHOUGH IT SUITS HIM BETTER THAN I'D HAVE THOUGHT
BUT TATSUKI, PULLING AN UOU?
IT'S THE HAIR
CASUAL FOR THE MODERN MAN! ♡
YEAH--- LOOKS GOOD, EH?

WHAT TO DO, WHAT TO DO
PLEASE TELL ME YOU'RE KIDDING
I THINK TATSUKI'S GONE UP A FEW LEVELS IN THE HIERARCHY OF HOT
HEY KIDDO

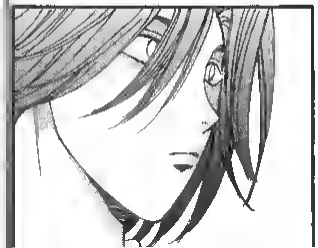
IT'S ALL SO LIKE YOU
KOTAROU
ASSHOLE
QUIT EMBARRASSING ME!

MAYBE MY WILD JOURNEY'S ABOUT TO END, TOO
HUNH
False hope.

MAYBE I DO

MNEH?

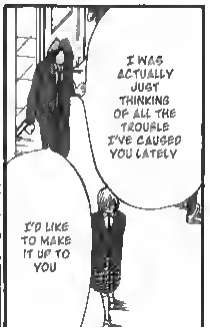
I'LL GIVE YOU SATURDAY
DON'T BLOW IT



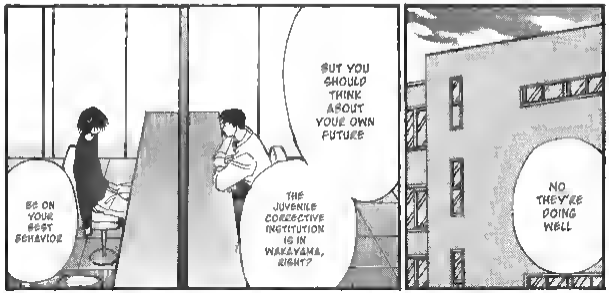
M-MISS KAREN!
YOU WALKING HORMONE FACTORY!
THE INSTANT YOU HEAR NO ONE'S DEAD, CHASING TAIL IS ALL YOU CARE ABOUT?!

YOU ARE THE SOLE MISTRESS OF MY OVERZEALOUS HEART
♡
IT WAS ONLY A JOKE. A BOY'S CLUB FUNNY!

Heh
SO IF YOU'D BE SO KIND AS TO SPARE A FREE DAY, I COULD TREAT YOU TO A "YUUTO OUTING EXTRAVAGANZA"
MAYBE IF YOU WANTED


I WAS ACTUALLY JUST THINKING OF ALL THE TROUBLE I'VE CAUSED YOU LATELY
I'D LIKE TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU

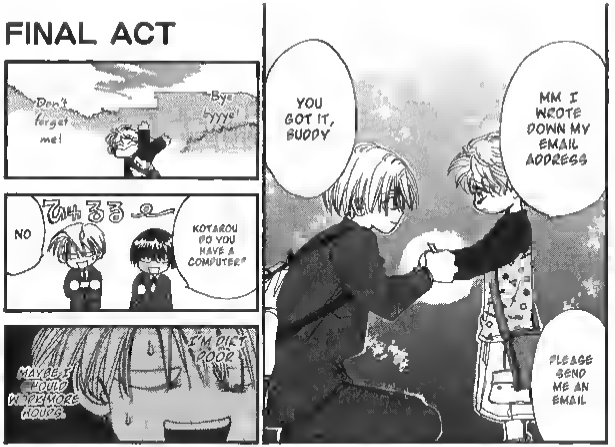
AKIRA!


BE ON YOUR BEST BEHAVIOR
BUT YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT YOUR OWN FUTURE
THE JUVENILE CORRECTIVE INSTITUTION IS IN WAKAYAMA, RIGHT?
NO, THEY'RE DOING WELL

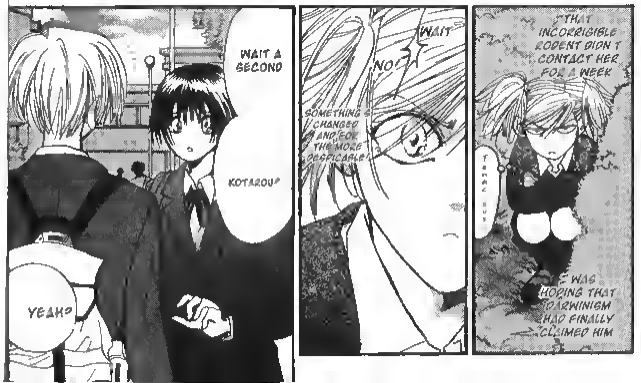
HAVING A POWER ISN'T INHERENTLY A BAD THING
WHO CARES WHERE I GO?
I'M STILL STUCK WITH THE GODDAMN CURSE...

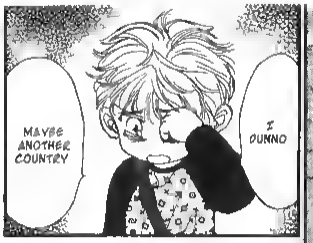
THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO VISIT YOU SOMETIMES
YOU KNOW, WHEN IT COMES TO THAT STUFF
...I DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO TALK TO OVER THERE

FINAL ACT


Don't forget me!
Bye bye
YOU GOT IT, BUDDY
MM I WROTE DOWN MY EMAIL ADDRESS
PLEASE SEND ME AN EMAIL
NO
KOTAROU DO YOU HAVE A COMPUTER?
I'M OUT 2002
MAYBE IT COULD BE DYNAMORE ROUGE.

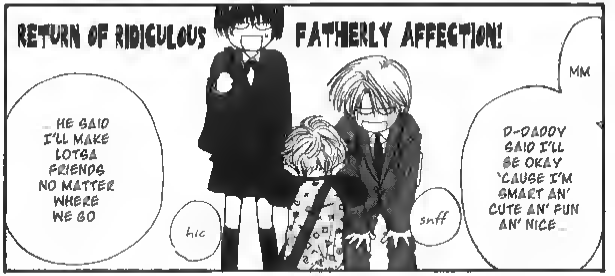
Feh!
RUSTLE


WAIT A SECOND
KOTAROU?
YEAH?
WAIT
NO!
SOMETHING CHANGED AND FOR THE MOST DESPICABLE
THAT INCORRIGIBLE RODENT DIDN'T CONTACT HER FOR A WEEK
TRRRR
E WAS HOPING THAT DARWINISM HAD FINALLY CLIMED HIM


MAYBE ANOTHER COUNTRY
I DUNNO

WHOA!

WHAT?!
HE SAID WE GOTTA MOVE
D-DADDY'S SWITCHING JOBS
TO WHERE?


RETURN OF RIDICULOUS
FATHERLY AFFECTION!
HE SAID I'LL MAKE LOTSA FRIENDS NO MATTER WHERE WE GO
hic
sniff
MM
D-DADDY SAID I'LL BE OKAY 'CAUSE I'M SMART AN' CUTE AN' FUN AN' NICE

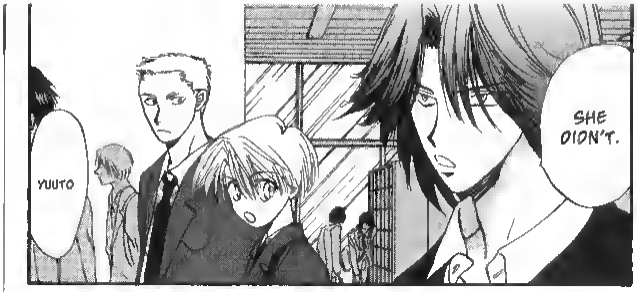
WE'LL PLAY AGAIN SOMETIME
AKIRA
Aw
DON'T WORRY

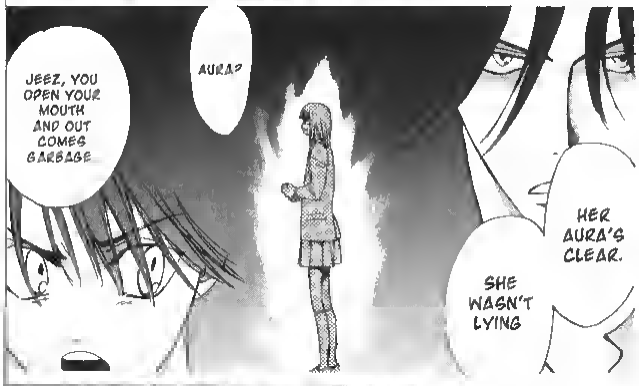
I GO AM!
BUT I'M G-GONNA MISS BACKETBALL WITH BIG BROTHER KOTAROU!

COULD YOU NOT TELL KOTAROU ABOUT HIS POWER?
MIO
AND CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER IT
HE LOST IT COMPLETELY
SORRY!
HE STILL HASN'T LOST THE MOST IMPORTANT THING
WELL
I LOVE YOU
HM?
KOTAROU

AND I ALWAYS NOTICED HOW LARGE YOUR FEET ARE!
R-REALLY?
YOU'RE HITTING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL GROWTH SPURT-- THAT'S BOYS FOR YOU
MY BIG BASKETBALL STAR
I THINK YOU GOT A LITTLE TALLER!
WOW!
I GUESS I DID
LOOK!
MY EYE LINE IS HIGHER!
KEEP IT UP, YOU BIG HUNK ♡
Feh.
Damn... what a hunk...
ARE YOU OKAY?
LOOK OUT!
UH... YEAH

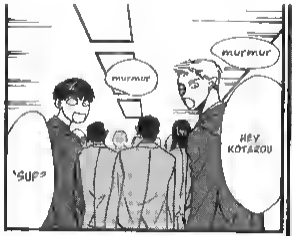
I'M SURE TATSUKI AND YUUTO WOULD AGREE WITH ME
THAT'S HIS REAL POWER.
. I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER WHEN I'M BY KOTAROU'S SIDE
EVEN NOW...


YUUTO
SHE DIDN'T.

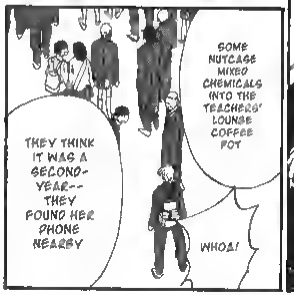

JEEZ, YOU OPEN YOUR MOUTH AND OUT COMES GARBAGE
AURA?
HER AURA'S CLEAR.
SHE WASN'T LYING

YUUTO!
WHAT AN ASSY THING TO SAY!

SO YOU REALLY KNOW SOMETHING?
NAH
I KNOW BETTER THAN TO STICK MY NOSE INTO LADY PROBLEMS
YOU SHOULD TALK TO THE TEACHER


MURMUR
MURMUR
HEY KOTAROU
'SUP?

?
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?


SOME NUTCASE MIXED CHEMICALS INTO THE TEACHERS' LOUNGE COFFEE POT
THEY THINK IT WAS A SECOND-YEAR-- THEY FOUND HER PHONE NEARBY
WHOA!

MORNING ♡

HEY
YOU REALLY THINK SHE DID IT?
AH, WHO KNOWS?

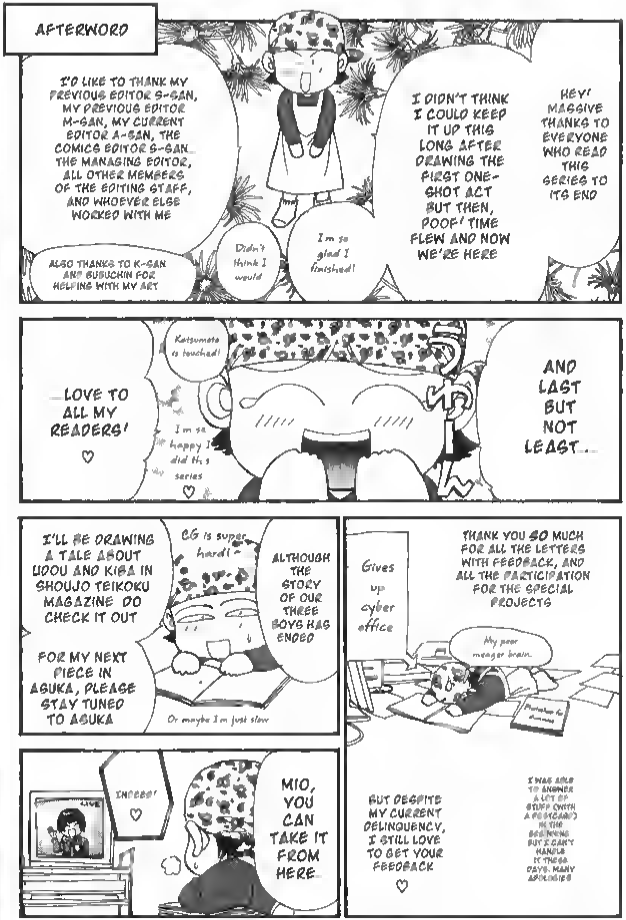
WE STILL HAVE TO TALK THIS WAY
I SWEAR, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT!
I LOST MY CELL DAYS AGO AND COULDN'T FIND IT ANYWHERE!

MAYBE
TATSUKI!
WAIT!
Dm
Who in the what now?
Don't push me!
I SAID WAIT!
YOU SAID YOU KNOW WHO DID IT?!
OOOH
BOY ON BOY HOTNESS AT 10 O'CLOCK!
I GUESS THE RUMORS WERE TRUE!
AND WITH TATSUKI! YUMMY!
DON'T "MAYBE" ME! AND STOP PROWLING-- WE'RE TALKING!
WHAT!?
EHHHE?
EHHH

COOL
DAMN!
HE'S DEFINITELY GOTTEN MORE BADASS!
HE CAN SEE THAT KIND OF DETAIL WITHOUT TOUCHING KOTAKOU?
HUH?!
IT WAS A MAN
HE'S GOT A PLAIN BLUE CAP
MIDDLE AGED, IN A BLACK SWEAT SUIT YELLOW COTTON WORK GLOVES AND A MASK

I'M A HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN WITH A BURNING LOVE FOR BASKETBALL
I have a girlfriend I swear!
This isn't fair!
HEY. I'M KOTAROU OOHIRA
HE'S A SCREWY, VIOLENT CREEP.
THIS IS MY COUSIN, TATSUKI OOHIRA
HE'S A SHALLOW FLIRT WITH NO PRINCIPLES. HE ALSO SUCKS A LOT
AND THIS IS MY CLASSMATE, YUUTO URUSHIYAMA
DO I HAVE TO MURDER YOU TWO?
WELL I GUESS THEY'RE GOOD GUYS DEEP DOWN
WE ALWAYS HANG OUT, FOR SOME REASON

AAAAAAAGH!
THEY SAY TATSUKI DOESN'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND...
IT'S A LIE! THAT'S NOT FUNNY! MY PRECIOUS EGO! AGGH!
NO WAY! HA HA HA!
BECAUSE HE'S GETTING IT FROM HIS CUTIE COUSIN!
YOU'RE IN SO MUCH TROUBLE WHEN WE GET HOME!
YOU STUPID PRICK!
AND STOP LEAVING, TATSUKI!
I HAVEN'T FINISHED TALKING TO YOU!
WRONG, LAMEO!
SOMEBODY PUT ME OUT OF MY MISERY!
THERE ARE THREE OF US
WHAT ARE THOSE TWO UP TO?!
KYAAA!
DIDJA HEAR THAT?!
Dug his own grave
BAD BOYS GET SPANKED, YOU KNOW!
KINKY!
WHEN THEY GET HOME!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ALSO THANKS TO K-SAN AND SUBUCHIN FOR HELPING WITH MY ART
Didn't think I would
I'm so glad I finished!
I DIDN'T THINK I COULD KEEP IT UP THIS LONG AFTER DRAWING THE FIRST ONE-SHOT ACT BUT THEN, POOF! TIME FLEW AND NOW WE'RE HERE
HEY! MASSIVE THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO READ THIS SERIES TO ITS END
LOVE TO ALL MY READERS! ♡
Katsumata is touched!
I'm so happy I did this series ♡
AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST...
I'LL BE DRAWING A TALE ABOUT UDOU AND KIBA IN SHOUJO TEIKOKU MAGAZINE SO CHECK IT OUT
FOR MY NEXT PIECE IN AGUKA, PLEASE STAY TUNED TO AGUKA
CG is super hard! -
Or maybe I'm just slow
ALTHOUGH THE STORY OF OUR THREE BOYS HAS ENDED
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL THE LETTERS WITH FEEDBACK, AND ALL THE PARTICIPATION FOR THE SPECIAL PROJECTS
Gives up cyber office
My poor meager brain.
Postwhat to Mamma
BUT DESPITE MY CURRENT DELINQUENCY, I STILL LOVE TO GET YOUR FEEDBACK ♡
I WAS ABLE TO ANSWER A LOT OF STUFF WITH A POSTCARD IN THE BEGINNING BUT I CAN'T HANDLE IT THESE DAYS. MANY APOLOGIES
LIVE
YIPEE! ♡
MIO, YOU CAN TAKE IT FROM HERE

GET YOUR DAMN HANDS OFF!
★ FINAL ACT ★ END

ブチッ
I KNEW YOU COULDN'T DO IT--THAT'S WHY IT WAS A GIFT
DON'T MAKE PROMISES YOU'RE TOO POOR TO KEEP
NOT THAT I CARE, BUT YOU HAVEN'T MADE A UNIFORM PAYMENT IN OVER THREE MONTHS
See afterword in Volume 1

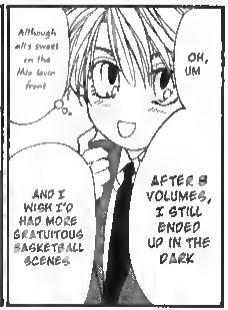
Easy, kiddo
AND EAT ME, WHILE YOU'RE AT IT!
IF YOU'RE GONNA BE A PRICK, HERE!
TAKE THE DAMN THING BACK!
I'M SO SORRY YOUR NIGHTGOWN
slip
squeeze

BE GOOD
EA JIAN
THIS IS MIO YOSHINO, REPORTING FROM THE HARMONIOUS RECEPTION HALL
WELL, THINGS SEEM TO BE IN ORDER HERE IT'S A FRIENDSHIP FOR THE AGES
Brat
SAY THAT AGAIN!
Cool it kid! Give us a happy ending!
Shut up and don't touch me!

★ Afterword ★ End

GOOD MORN KOTAROU! HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
WE'RE HOPING TO CATCH AN INTERVIEW WITH THE STAR OF THE SHOW
Congratulations! "Hands Off!" Completion Party
ASSISTANT CHIEF WOO
MISS YOSHINO REPORTING
I'M IN THE RECEPTION HALL OF THE COMPLETION PARTY

FROM 180CM TO 182CM!
ANYONE WHO OWNS BOOK 2 PULL OUT A RED PEN!
YOU CAN CHANGE MY HEIGHT IN MY PROFILE IN THE BACK GO AHEAD-I CAN WAIT
Puberty strikes.


Although all's sweet on the Mio lovin front
OH, UM
AND I WISH I'D HAD MORE GRATUITOUS BASKETBALL SCENES
AFTER 8 VOLUMES, I STILL ENDED UP IN THE DARK

I FIGURED THAT KOTAROU WOULD FINALLY ADMIT THAT SHE'S A GIRL, AND SHE AND TATSUKI WOULD LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER
GUESS I WAS OFF AH, WELL
Kotarou's hair gets longer
I WAS A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED WITH THE END NO

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